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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	30940	Agenda Number	32.
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Meeting Date:	3/20/2014	Department:	Public Works
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District for the design and construction of a hike and bike trail connecting Georgian Drive to Rock Hollow Lane in an amount not to exceed \$13,700.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 15, 2012, Council passed the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan encouraging affordable and healthy communities. June 11, 2009, Council passed the Bicycle Master Plan encouraging biking and walking to school.
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) is for the design and construction of a hike and bike trail, approximately 1,400 feet in length, at the proposed site of Dr. Janis Guerrero-Thompson Elementary School. This trail connects a transit corridor to an elementary school, creates a convenient north/south connection, and was requested by the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Contact Team.

The property for this proposed school fronts both Rundberg Lane (at Georgian Drive, a signalized intersection) and Rock Hollow Lane and is uniquely situated to connect Route 347 from the Austin Bicycle Master Plan (see map). This north/south route currently requires the use of Rundberg Lane, which is a high volume arterial with no bicycle facility, for approximately 600 feet.

City staff coordinated with AISD during the planning of the school to include this connection. This project implements Objective 2.2 of the Bicycle Master Plan which states, "increase support facilities at schools to support

bicycling to school.” This project also implements a recommendation from the 2008 Families and Children Task Force Report which is to, “focus on increasing the availability of safe sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and bicycle routes – particularly in the vicinity of schools, parks, and transit stops.”

This project is managed by the Public Works Department.